

Letter of Support to the Public Health Committee

Regarding: Proposed **H.B. No. 5541** AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES PROVIDED BY DENTAL PROFESSIONALS AND CERTIFICATION FOR ADVANCED DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTITIONERS - LCO. No. *2445_PH_*

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Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, Senator Slossberg, Representative Lyddy and members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Toni Marie Parlanti, RDH and I am asking you to be is support of HB 5541.

I had been aware in my first 21 years of private practice, that there was an underserved dental population. But it wasn't until 2006, when I began working as a public health dental hygienist for the City of Stamford, that I saw first hand, the AMOUNT of families Who are affected by dental disease and are up against many barriers in receiving dental care.

The time has come, for a midlevel provider in the healthcare setting. The ADHP will be an extensively trained, caring, extension of the dental team, who will be able to reach this most deserving population.

Thank you for all that you do for the citizens of Connecticut. I hope that you will be in support of HB 5541. "We are our brothers' keepers."

Sincerely,

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